issued so far alongwith the reasons for not issuing to others?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Crime Prevention Weeks by the Delhi Police

1637. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Police has of late, been observing Crime Prevention Weeks in different areas of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the programme and the areas covered thereunder so far and proposed to be covered;

(c) the amount spent by the Delhi Police on press advertisements since 1st January, 1990 and on these programmes, separately; and

(d) the amount spent on provision of door-chains, fagic eyes, etc. free of cost to citizens and the number of houses covered so far in different zones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Crime Prevention Week is being organised in one Police Station of each Police District with effect from 10-6-90. Under this programme, door chains, and magic eyes are fixed in houses, vehicles are etched and photographs of domestic servants are taken free of cost. The public is also educated about the crime prevention measures through panels and exhibit Out of 105 Police Stations Crime Prevention Week has been organised in 80 police stations. It has not been felt necessary to organise it in 3 Police Stations as 2 of the Police Stations at the Airport do not have any residential area and the third Police Station at Mahipalpur has a small population. In the remaining 22 Police Stations it will be organised by rotation.

(c) No specific amount has been earmarked for the programme. However, Delhi Police have spent Rs. 1,12,46,184/- on advertisement through News Papers and T.V. since 1-1-1990.

(d) No amount has been spent on door chains and magic eyes as they were provided free of cost by different Residential Associations, Social Organisations and business establishments. About 10,000 door chains and 12,000 magic eyes have been fixed.

Poor D.T.C. service for Keshavpuram

1638. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representations from the concerned Residents' Welfare Association about the inadequacy and irregularities of bus services at present provided by D.T.C. to Keshavpuram (Lawrence Road) area in North Delhi;

(b) whether Government are also aware that consequent on increase in population during the last two years the traffic needs of the area have increased considerably;

(c) whether it is a fact that even during peak hours the frequency of buses starting from Water Tank, the main bus stand of the area and proceeding to Palika Kendra is very long and there is no bus for commuters from this area between 8-45 A.M. and 9.45 A.M.; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to improve bus service for commuters going to Central Secretariat and back?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The route numbers 920 and 973 are serving the area well. These two routes originating from Keshavpuram Water Tank provide direct link to Palika Kendra serving Kendriya Terminal enroute, with regular frequency of 26 minutes (peak)/52 minutes (non-peak).

As for services during the period 8.45 A.M. to 9.45 A.M., the services operating are 0852 hours trip on route 920 and 0944 hours trip on route 973 from Keshavpuram Water Tank to Palika Kendra. Besides, a trip at 0900 hours on route 920 from Pocket B-3, Keshavpuram is also available for Palika Kendra.

Road travel tax for private buses

1639. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the various State authorities levy road travel tax at very high rates for passenger buses/private tourist buses;

(b) whether it is a fact that such buses have to perforce halt at various State borders for long periods in order to clear the tax levies causing great inconvenience to the tourists besides increasing their travel costs; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to remove these lacunae in handling road travel by private buses?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) Motor vehicular tax, commonly known as road tax, is a State subject in terms of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. Rates of taxes levied by the State Governments vary from State to State. The dues payable by a passenger bus or a tourist bus operating on inter-State route are checked at the State-borders by the respective authorities. This does involve detention time at the border-posts and inconvenience to tourist passengers. In order to facilitate through movement of vehicles covered under all-India tourist vehicle permits, the proposal of charging of a uniform composite fee, in lieu of tax, per playing State and its collection at one point namely the Home State, was discussed by the Transport Development Council in its meeting in November 1988. However, no consensus could be reached. The matter was decided to be reviewed later. It is proposed for the ensuing meeting of the Council.

Safeguarding the life and property of people of Indian origin in Kenya

1640. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any damage to the life and property of Indians/Kenyans of Indian origin living in Kenya during the recent rioting; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to safeguard the life and property of such people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): (a) There was no damage to the life of Indians. However during the rioting some shops were attacked including some belonging to Indians. No specific targeting of Indians was observed. No specific complaint has been received by Indian Associations or by the High Commission on looting/damage.

(b) Our High Commission in Nairobi is in constant touch with the various Indian Associations and local authorities.